

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
March 31, 2014

COUNTY OF LOWNDES  
MINUTE BOOK # \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT REMEMBERED that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, was held at The Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Monday, the 31st day of March, 2014, commencing at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Harry Sanders	Supervisor, District 1, Board President
Bill Brigham	Supervisor, District 2
John Holliman	Supervisor, District 3, Board Vice-President
Jeff Smith	Supervisor, District 4
Leroy Brooks	Supervisor, District 5
Lisa Younger Neese	Chancery Clerk
Mike Arledge	Sheriff
Ralph Billingsley	Administrator, Lowndes County
Collen Hudson	Board Attorney

County Staff Members

Members of News Media

County Citizens

The following proceedings were had:

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

- Call to order, Harry Sanders, Board President
- Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President

- Invocation, Bill Brigham, Supervisor, District 2
- Pledge of Allegiance, Lisa Younger Neese, Chancery Clerk

I

## BOARD AGENDA

Reference: Agenda Review

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt agenda as amended
- Second by Supervisor Smith
- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

II

## BOARD MINUTES

Board Minutes, March 14, 2014, presented by Chancery Clerk for  
Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve March 14, 2014,  
Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meeting
- Second by Supervisor Smith
- Vote 5-0

III

DAVIS BASINGER

Chief Financial Officer

Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending March 31, 2014

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve and spread upon  
Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending March  
31, 2014

-- Second by Supervisor Brooks

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV

STEVE EDDS, Esquire

Baker, Donelson Law Firm

Reference: Issuance of Bonds – Two Year Authority

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adopt Resolution declaring  
intention of Board of Supervisors to either issue general  
obligation bonds of Lowndes County, issue general obligation  
bonds of Lowndes County for sale to Mississippi Development  
Bank or enter into loan with Mississippi Development Bank,  
all in aggregate principal amount not to exceed thirty million  
dollars for purpose of providing funds for industrial  
development in Lowndes County; directing publication of  
notice of such intent; and for related purposes

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

JIM WILSON, Esquire

Mitchell, McNutt & Sams

Reference: Property Easement – Matt Fowler/George Hazard, III

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to readopt priorly approved

Resolution for Release of First Right of Refusal re: 240 acre tract of land off Charleigh Ford Road, and to grant additional easement allowing access to said 240 acre tract, same to include legal description thereof, together with authorization for Fowler/Hazard to place lock on existing gate until such time as legal access is ratified

-- Second by Supervisor Brigham

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI

PAT ADAIR

Deputy Tax Assessor

Reference: Memorandum of Understanding - MDOT

Aerial Photography

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Memorandum of Understanding Agreement for financing portion of aerial photography and survey services between Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties of

Carroll, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Grenada, Humphreys,  
Kemper, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Lee, Lowndes, Monroe,  
Montgomery, Neshoba, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc,  
Tallahatchie, Webster and Winston

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII

BOB CALVERT

County Engineer

A. Reference: Utility Permits

(1) Caledonia Natural Gas – Cherokee Road

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve Caledonia  
permit application to construct ¾" natural gas service  
line along or across Cherokee Road

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) C-Spire Fiber – South Frontage Road to Industrial Park Road

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve C-Spire Fiber  
permit application to construct fiber optic from intersection

of South Frontage Road to Industrial Park Road to existing  
cell

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Bid Advertisement – Old West Point Road

Project #SAP-44(52)

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize advertisement for bids  
of 1.055 miles of roadway reconstruction on Old West Point  
Road

-- Second by Supervisor Brigham

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII

RONNIE BURNS

Road Manager

A. Reference: Hall Road Maintenance

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to authorize use of County  
resources for upkeep of private road in order to access  
pits for dumping of debris/rubbish

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

B. Reference: Younger Boat Ramp (Non-Agenda Item)

Discussion re: maintenance and repair of Younger boat ramp

No Board Action

IX

GEORGE CRAWFORD, Project Analyst

Golden Triangle Planning & Development District

A. Reference: Cal-Star

(1) CDBG Invoices

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize payment of the following invoices for Cal-Star Products spec building renovation:

Weathers Construction (structure) - \$274,722.74

Weathers Construction (site) – \$169,679.28

Calvert-Spradling Engineers - \$7,535

Golden Triangle Planning & Development District - \$8,145.59

- - Second by Supervisor Smith

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Request for Contract Extension – Weathers Construction

Board apprised of request by Weathers Construction for 30-day contract extension in order to complete site work

Taken Under Advisement by JBHM Architects

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Severstal - Katrina CDBG Close-Out (R-103-296-04-KED)

(1) Agreement

- Severstal having satisfied all grant requirements, Motion  
by Supervisor Brooks to approve Agreement with Mississippi  
Development Authority to close-out referenced project under  
Disaster Recovery Division Grant Program

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Withdrawal of Funds – Golden Triangle Planning &  
Development District

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize withdrawal of  
admin funds (\$2,951.22) being held in project account  
pending close-out

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X

LISA YOUNGER NEESE

Chancery Clerk

Reference: Retirement Resolution – Deputy Chancery Clerk

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution recognizing



exemplary, meritorious and lengthy service of Linda Speed

upon her retirement as Deputy Chancery Clerk

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI

RALPH BILLINGSLEY

County Administrator

A. Reference: Library Board Vacancy – District 1

Applications being accepted for Library Board vacancy -

5-year term

B. Reference: Bid Advertisement – Proposed Firing Range

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to advertise for bids for proposed

firing range funded by BRAC grant

-- Second by Supervisor Brigham

--- Vote 5-0

C. Reference: Personnel Transfers

- Upon recommendation of County Administrator, Motion by

Supervisor Brooks to spread upon Minutes of Board transfer

of Gloria Blunt to purchasing clerk position effective April 1,

2014, at rate of \$17.55 per hour, and transfer of Diane Stephens

to assistant purchasing clerk position effective April 1, 2014,

at rate of \$15.70 per hour

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

D. Reference: Computer Custody Transfer

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept MEMA donation

of Dell Latitude D-620 computer to Lowndes County

Emergency Management Agency

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Reference: Presentation – Retirement Resolution

Resolution presented by County Administrator to Terry

Thompson upon her retirement from Lowndes County

XII

JEFF SMITH

Supervisor, District 4

A. Reference: Resolution – Tombigbee River Valley Water

Management District – Swedenburg Drive

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution requesting

Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District assist

County in correction of drainage issues in and around

Swedenburg Drive

-- Second by Supervisor Brooks

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Resolution – Tombigbee River Valley Water

Management District – Granderson Drive

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution requesting

Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District assist

County in correction of drainage issues in and around

Granderson Drive

-- Second by Supervisor Brooks

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII

LEROY BROOKS

Supervisor, District 5

Reference: Mayhew Slough – Tombigbee River Valley Water

Management District

Apprised Board of existing water issues in area of Kansas City

Southern Railroad track and Mayhew Slough

Will request assessment by Tombigbee River Valley Water

Management District

No Board Action

XIV

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn Board of Supervisors' meeting until April 7, 2014, 9:00 A.M.

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 9:43 A.M.,  
March 31, 2014)